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LB 954, 958

have ten ladies of the Civic Newcomers Group. I think from here in Lincoln? Thank you all for being with us this morning. Do you want to move the bill, Senator Warner?

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, I move that LB 954 be advanced to E & R Initial.

PRESIDENT: Record your vote. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Record.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays. Mr. President, on the motion to advance.

PRESIDENT: The bill is advanced. LB 958.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 958 is a bill introduced by the Appropriations Committee and signed by the members thereof. Title read. The bill was read on March 9 of this year. It was referred directly to General File, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, 958 is the intent bill accompanying the appropriation bill. Briefly, section 2 of the act is the requirement I indicated that the University of Nebraska on a monthly basis report their expenditures of their appropriations in the program classification structure which will assist us as an oversight capacity to monitor how the funds are used and whether or not they are being used consistent with the manner in which we understood the funds would be used when we approved the appropriation request. Also contained in section 2 is language which was first initiated last year which is designed to encourage the University of Nebraska to be seeking various grants, primarily, it would be the case of federal grants. You can recall that we have had discussions over the years that the University had not had as much of these kinds of grant funds as some other institutions because of our appropriation process that we have used where we account and utilize cash or federal funds, other funds, and arrive in an amount of general fund. This procedure was then established and is again continued in this. The effect of it is to permit them to seek these kinds of research grants up to \$1,200,000, but any amount over and above that becomes an offset of the general fund appropriation authorized within the legislation. Section 3 deals again with continuing language from previous sessions giving emphasis that those funds that have been specifically appropriated in the past for the improvement of undergraduate programs shall continue to be used and the amount of funds that are in the continuation base will be continued to be used for those undergraduate improvement programs and tend to ensure adequate faculty as well as adequate programs at the undergraduate level. The section, subsection 5, toward the bottom of page 4 is language indicating that the Legislature takes note, does not object, but takes note of the proposed increases for tuition this year and we are suggesting that the Regents implement a plan for effective reallocation of existing resources prior to imposing further tuition rate increases. The emphasis of that suggestion does not relate as much to tuition as perhaps to the general direction of the need to reallocate resources, not only within